# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 1277 - HB 1771

April 1, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Restricts the authorization of municipalities seeking to enter a business relationship with a third party for the provision of cable, internet, and other related services. Requires any separate division of a municipal electric system that provides such services to submit to an independent audit by an auditor other than the one performing the audit on the electric system. Prohibits municipal electric systems from loaning funds or subsidizing with revenues any division that has been formed for the provisions of cable, internet and related services.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

## Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000\*

Assumption:

• Requiring an audit of any division providing cable, internet, and related services will result in an increase in local government expenditures exceeding \$100,000.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director